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SUBJ: CCD: INFORMAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON CCD PROCEDURES,
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1. SUMMARY: AT FOURTH INFORMAL MEETING ON CCD PROCEDURES
SOVIET REP ENDORSED CO-CHAIRMANSHIP AND CRITICIZED PROPOSAL
FOR ESTABLISHING SUB-COMMITTEE FOR NEGOTIATION, INDICATING
STRONG PREFERENCE FOR AD HOC WORKING GROUPS. MEXICAN REP
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PRESENTED PROPOSAL ON ESTABLISHING A STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE
FOR NEGOTIATIONS, MAKING PERMANENT THE PREPARATION OF
CCD REPORT BY SECRETARIAT, AND MAKING PERMANENT MORE
EXPANSIVE COMMUNIQUE FORMAT. UK REP PRESENTED PROPOSAL
ON ESTABLISHING WORKING GROUPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING
SPECIFIC TREATY TEXTS. FURTHER INFORMAL MEETINGS ON PROCEDURES
WILL BE HELD AS REQUIRED DURING WEEK MARCH 21-25. END SUMMARY.

2. SOVIET REP (LIKHACHEV) SAID THAT PROGRESS BY THE CCD ABOVE ALL DEPENDS ON THE POLITICAL WILL OF STATES RATHER THAN ORGANIZATIONAL MECHANISMS. HOWEVER, WHEN AN ORGANIZATIONAL TECHNIQUE PROVES EFFECTIVE, SUCH AS THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION (ENMOD) CONVENTION DID LAST YEAR, THEN IT SHOULD BE USED AGAIN. HE THANKED INDIAN REP FOR PROVIDING PRECISE ACCOUNT OF EMERGENCY OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP, AND NOTED THAT THOSE WHO ADVOCATE THE ABOLITION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP DO NOT CONSIDER THIS AN URGENT MATTER. SOVIET REP SAID CO-CHAIRMANSHIP REMAINS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF CCD. HE OBSERVED THAT RELATIVE ROLE OF U.S. AND USSR IN DISARMAMENT MATTERS HAS CERTAINLY NOT DECLINED SINCE ESTABLISHMENT OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. ON ANY MAJOR DISARMAMENT ISSUE IF ONE OF THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN DOES NOT TAKE PART, HE SAID THAT THERE IS NO BASIS FOR AN AGREEMENT. HE ADVOCATED PRESERVING THE INSTITUTION OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP TO ENSURE SUCH A BASIS. WITH RESPECT TO NEGOTIATING ORGAN, SOVIET REP REVIEWED ENMOD NEGOTIATIONS AND CONCLUDED THAT AD HOC WORKING GROUP WAS SUPERIOR TO STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE. WITH REGARD TO LATTER HE SAID, "WE SEE NO NEED FOR IT, ABSOLUTELY NOT." HE CONCLUDED BY INSERTING BANDERILLA IN MEXICANS ON ENMOD AND OTHER FRUITS OF CCD WHICH MEXICANS HAVE REJECTED.

3. NETHERLANDS REP (MEERBURG) AGREED THAT SUB-COMMITTEE APPROACH MAY PROVE LESS FLEXIBLE IF TWO ISSUES WERE UNDER NEGOTIATION AT THE SAME TIME.

4. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA-ROBLES), ON BEHALF OF TEN OTHER NON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALIGNED DELS, PRESENTED PROPOSAL ON STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE, MAKING PERMANENT THE SECRETARIAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CCD REPORTS, AND MAKING PERMANENT MORE EXPANSIVE COMMUNIQUE FORMAT. LANGUAGE ON COMMUNIQUE FORMAT IS IDENTICAL TO LANGUAGE IN CCD/500 OF JULY 1, 1976 (PARA I.C.), AND LANGUAGE ON REPORTS IS SIMILAR TO PARA I.A., EXCEPT THE WORDS "AS WELL AS A SUBJECT INDEX", ARE INSERTED AFTER "1975 REPORT" IN I.A.3.(F); AND I.A.3.(H) HAS BEEN REVISED TO READ "PV'S OF THE MEETINGS HELD DURING THE YEAR SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED IN NEW YROK TO DELEGATIONS OF MEMBER STATES OF THE UN AS THEY ARE READY IN GENEVA AND SHOULD ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED AS A SEPARATE ANNEX OF THE REPORT."

5. MEXICAN PROPOSAL ON STANDING COMMITTEE READS AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CCD: A STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE SET UP TO NEGOTIATE SPECIFIC TEXTS OF DRAFT CONVENTIONS, TREATIES, AGREEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ON THOSE QUESTIONS IN THE AGENDA OF THE CCD WHICH THE COMMITTEE MAY REFER FOR THAT PURPOSE TO THE SUB-COMMITTEE.
THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND ITS PROCEDURES, WILL BE DETERMINED

BY THE CCD. THE CHAIRMANSHIP COULD BE BY MONTHLY ROTATION
ACCORDING TO THE ALPHABETICAL ORDER IN ENGLISH OF MEMBER STATES.
THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL HAVE ITS RECORDS, AS APPROPRIATE, AND
WILL SUBMIT ITS REPORT(S) TO THE CCD.
THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION IN THE SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE
DETERMINED BY EACH DELEGATION.
ITS MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD WITHOUT HAMPERING THE REGULAR
OR INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE CCD. END QUOTE.

6. MEXICAN REP RESPONDED TO SOVIET BARB ON ENMOD BY SAYING
THAT "MEXICAN DELEGATION HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN IN FAVOR OF
PROHIBITING ALL FORMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION FOR HOSTILE
PURPOSES, AND STILL IS. WE WERE ALSO IN FAVOR OF DEMILITARIZA-
TION OF THE SEABED, AND STILL ARE." (MEXICO IS NOT PARTY TO SEABED
ARMS CONTROL TREATY.) HE SAID THAT "HAVING A STANDING SUB-
COMMITTEE IS LIKE OWNING A CAR, WHEN YOU ARE NOT GOING ANYWHERE,
YOU DON'T USE IT BUT KEEP IT READY FOR USE IN A GARAGE."
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7. GDR REP (HERDER) SAID THAT AT THE OUTSET HIS DELEGATION HAD NOT SEEN THE NEED FOR STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE, AND THAT THE MORE THEY HAVE LISTENED TO THE ARGUMENTS OF THOSE IN FAVOR OF SUCH AN APPROACH, THE MORE ACONVINCED THEY HAVE BECOME THAT THEIR ORIGINAL ASSESSMENT WAS CORRECT.

8. UK REP (ALLEN) AGREED WITH MEXICAN REP THAT NO DECISION ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES COULD BE REACHED TODAY, AND INDICATED SUPPORT FOR THE REPORT AND COMMUNIQUE PORTIONS
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OF MEXICAN PROPOSAL. HE THEN PRESENTED A PROPOSAL ON AD HOC NEGOTIATING GROUPS, THE TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: NEGOTIATION OF TREATY TEXTS: THE COMMITTEE, WISHING TO PROFIT FROM THE VALUABLE EXPERPENCE GAINED IN THE NEGOTIATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF MILITARY OR ANY OTHER HOSTILE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION TECHNIQUES DURING ITS 1976 SESSION, AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONAL GUIDE-LINES (SEE FOOTNOTE) FOR NEGOTIATION OF TREATY TEXTS.

1. WHEN IT APPEARS THAT THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL WILL AND COVERGENCE OF VIEWS TO JUSTIFY AN ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE A DRAFT TREATY TEXT, THE CCD MAY ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. THE CCD SHOULD ESTABLISH THE MANDATE FOR THE GROUP INCLUDING A TARGET DATE FOR THE GROUP TO REPORT BACK TO THE CCD AND SHOULD PROVIDE THE GROUP WITH SUCH WORKING DOCUMENTS AS MAY FORM AN APPROPRIATE STARTING POINT FOR THE GROUP'S WORK.

3. THE CCD, THROUGH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPRESENTATIVE, SHOULD ALSO SEND A SET OF THESE WORKING DOCUMENTS TO ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UN, NOT MEMBERS OF THECCD, WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY TRANSMIT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE A CERTAIN DATE ANY VIEWS WHICH THEY WOULD LIKE THE WORKING GROUP TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.

4. THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE EMPOWERED TO REQUEST WRITTEN CLARIFICATION OF POINTS ARISING FROM THESE NON-MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS.

5. THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL ROTATE AT EACH MEETING IN THE SAME MANNER AS IN THE CCD. THE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE ON AN INFORMAL BASIS AND WILL BE SCHEDULED SO AS TO AVOID CONFLICTING OR OTHERWISE INTERFERING WITH THE REGULAR OR INFORMAL MEETINGS OF THE CCD. THE LEVEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF REPRESENTATION IN THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE DETERMINED BY EACH DELEGATION. THE WORKING GROUP, ON A PERIODIC BASIS, WILL ISSUE WHATEVER REPORTS TO THE CCD ARE DEEMED NECESSARY. THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT THE SECRETARIAT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE WORKING GROUP AS NECESSARY, INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF UNOFFICIAL SUMMARIES OF THE WORKING GROUP'S PROCEEDINGS.

6. THE CCD WILL TAKE ANY OTHER DECISIONS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY REGARDING THE ORGANISATION AND PROCEDURES OF THE WORKING GROUP.

FOOTNOTE: THESE GUIDELINES ARE INTENDED TO REDUCE THE NECESSITY FOR LENGTHY PROCEDURAL DEBATE IN THE FUTURE BUT ARE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS INFLEXIBLE RULES. END QUOTE.

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9. UK REP NOTED THAT HIS PROPOSAL DID NOT MAKE MENTION OF INCLUDING NON-CCD MEMBERS IN WORKING GROUPS. HE SAID THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY OTHERS ON THIS SUBJECT HAD CONVINCED HIS DELEGATION THAT SUCH AN APPROACH WAS NOT DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME. FYI: UK DEL HAD CONSULTED ON TEXT OF PROPOSAL WITH U.S. DEL PREVIOUSLY AND ACCEPTED ALL CHANGES U.S. DEL PROPOSED, INCLUDING DELETION OF PROVISION FOR NON-MEMBERS TO BE INVITED TO SPEAK IN WORKING GROUPS DURING NEGOTIATIONS. END FYI.

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10. JAPANESE REP (OGISO) ASKED MEXICAN REP THAT IF ALL NEGOTIATIONS WERE TO BE REFERRED TO STANSING SUB-COMMITTEE WOULD THIS MEAN THAT CCD IN PLENARY WOULD NO LONGER HAVE MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE. HE ALSO ASKED IF STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE COULD HANDLE MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT AT A TIME.

11. MEXICAN REP RSPONDED THAT SUB-COMMITTEE WOULD BE SUBSIDIARY ORGAN OF CCD AND THE CCD COULD DO ANYTHING IT WISHED WITH REGARD TO A TEXT UNDER NEGOTIATION, INCLUDING RECALLING IT FOR NEGOTIATION IN CCD IF THAT WERE DESIRED. WITH RESPECT TO WORKING ON MORE THAN ONE TOPIC, MEXICAN REP SAID THAT THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

12. US REP (MEYERS) SAID THAT WHILE HE ANTICIPATED SPEAKING ON PROCEDURAL ISSUES IN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE FASHION, PERHAPS NEXT WEEK, HE WELCOMED THE ILLUMINATIONS, EXPOSITIONS, AND EXPLANATIONS THAT VARIOUS DELS HAD MADE, AND CHARACTERIZED THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE UK AS FELICITOUS IN EXPRESSION.

13. INDIAN REP (JAIN) SUGGESTED THAT CO-CHAIRMAN BE ASKED TO TAKE THE VARIOUS VIEWS EXPRESSED INTO CONSIDERATION AND SEE ON WHAT POINTS CONSENSUS EXISTS.

14. MEXICAN REP ASKED THAT SUGGESTION BY INDIAN REP BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS. THE MEETING ENDED WITH AGREEMENT THAT FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON CCD PROCEDURES WILL BE HELD DURING WEEK

MARCH 21-25.

15. COMMENT: US DEL INTENDS TO SUPPORT COMPROMISE BETWEEN
UK AND MEXICAN PROPOSALS, WHICH WOULD TAKE UK CONCEPT OF
AD HOC WORKING GROUPS IN LIEU OF MEXICAN STANDING
SUB-COMMITTEE, AND WOULD ACCEPT MEXICAN LANGUAGE RE REPORTS
AND COMMUNIQUE. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE, US DEL IS
PREPARED TO JOIN CONSENSUS IN ADOPTING SUCH PROCEDURES.
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